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Rev. Jackson Calls on Public To Fight Back Against the Most Damaging Forms of Racial Profiling: Housing, Bank Lending, Healthcare, etc.

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., the founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, urged families facing home foreclosure to meet at the organization on Monday, August 3, at 6 p.m. to address what he explained as a more hurtful form of racial profiling.

While the incident involving Harvard Professor Henry Gates and Cambridge Police Sgt. James Crowley has stirred emotions, Rev. Jackson said the public should be just as angry about other forms of racial profiling, such as home foreclosures, the high unemployment rate for blacks and Hispanics, the lack of access for people of color to bank loans, especially at prime rates, the high cost of health insurance, the high rates of infant mortality and the low life expectancy for people of color.

But it was the lawsuit filed on Friday by Illinois State Attorney General Lisa Madigan against Wells Fargo Bank for allegedly steering blacks and Hispanic homeowners into high cost

subprime loans that prompted Rev. Jackson to call on the community to take action and take it immediately.

"She has filed the suit. She has done her job," said Rev. Jackson during the weekly, internationally-televised Saturday Morning Forum. "It is time for us to fight back. We are going to confront Wells Fargo and Countrywide."

Rev. Jackson said the organization will build a strong housing commission to address the unprecedented number of home foreclosures, especially in communities of color.

"This is racial profiling where it hurts," said Rev. Jackson, noting that he does not accept Wells Fargo's explanation for why they are engaged in racial profiling. The company justifies the cost it has passed on to black and Latino homeowners, saying it is competitive and reflects the risk.

"They are justifying redlining. They are saying, yes we redline, but we are explaining why we do it," said Rev. Jackson, noting that this form of racial profiling is not



Rainbow PUSH Coalition headquarters in Chicago. Rev. Jackson commended Attorney General Lisa Madigan's action to investigate Countrywide Financial Corp., the nation's largest mortgage lender.

acceptable.

In addition to the home foreclosure meeting, Rev. Jackson is calling on the public to join the Rainbow PUSH Coalition in fighting violence in Chicago. According to Rev.

Jackson, there have been 510 homicides in 2009 and 43 of those murdered were students in Chicago Public Schools. Over the past three years, he said, 150 Chicago students

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LANE CHANGE

A Commentary by Travles R. Lane - the1lane@yahoo.com

LESSON OF GREAT GATES DEBATE NOT ABOUT RACIAL PROFILING AT ALL

Forgive me if I missed the teachable moment of President Obama's recent beer bash with Harvard Professor Henry Gates and Cambridge police sergeant James Crowley.

Because rather than a lesson in racial profiling, the instruction of Gates' arrest by Crowley was for me merely an examination of how frustrating it can be for a black man to ever feel he has achieved enough in America to simply be treated like a white man.

Because, if the truth is told, being treated like a white man has insidiously become the standard by which we have all come to define black achievement in America. You have arrived in this country when you are treated like white people. And you have really arrived when powerful white people, even the white police, respect you and treat you like one of them.

Dr. Gates wasn't getting the due deference he figured he had rightfully earned—even from white American authority—by virtue of the many honors and titles and prerequisites he has achieved in carving out of a life that presumably insulated him from consideration as a black criminal suspect—like all other



Henry Gates

common black men. How white of him.

Angry at being treated like a common black man, Professor Gates was livid at not being treated like a white, Harvard man.

And that's what's unintelligent.

Maybe its time we dedicate a month to White History in America to make us all more aware of the heritage of the folk with whom we so desperately seek to be treated like.

Perhaps then we wouldn't be outraged when we are treated like black people. We would be proud.

Maybe also we would be ashamed of our own responsibility in allowing ourselves to be led by so-called black leaders and role models (Harvard professors,

politicians, athletes and entertainers and now a president) who preach to black folk that our progress and prosperity as a people in America lie in how effectively we adopt the ways and means of the folks who just a little more than a generation ago, thought it was okay to lynch a black man.

That's not only stupid, it is absurd.

Anyway, I don't think we need to behave or be treated like white people to achieve progress in Black America. And we don't need to protest too much when we're not treated like we're white. We simply need to rely on the power of our own heritage, which survived the deprivation and degradation of OUR Black American history to arrive to the day when a black man now resides in the White House. Need I say more.

Furthermore, I think that if our so-called black leaders truly spent more time leading us in a direction of pride and dignity in who we are instead of focusing on what we have (or have not) or on how we are treated as compared to white people, race would be a non-issue to US by now (the white people would have to deal with it by themselves then).

I must say, I have found myself

dryly amused the past few days watching black commentators and so-called black leaders tripping over their tongues trying to justify Dr. Gates' childish behavior as racial profiling. In other words, they say Dr. Gates had every reason to expect to be treated like a white man by the white policeman. Had Gates been white, he would not have been arrested despite his behavior, they all seem to agree.

Well, at least he got to go to the White House for a beer with the president. Most black men arrested in America get sent to prison.

Anyway, the lesson here for me is that striving mightily to be treated like white people isn't a conduit to black American progress at all. Nor will it stop you from being treated like a black person.

So maybe black people should simply strive to treat each other as equals. Then we would not need the affirmation of white folk to give our lives credential value nor to overcome the real challenges we confront in our own communities.

Oh yes, Lesson Two of the Great Gates Debate: You don't have to be a common brother to act a fool.

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One of the major issues of the recent presidential campaign was health care. Health care costs have become an escalating burden for employers and consumers alike. Research has shown that total health spending is reduced when consumers bear more responsibility for their health and the expenses related to it. One of the best ways to increase life expectancy while reducing disability is to encourage a culture of self-care practices.

Self care is personal health maintenance. It is the care taken by individuals towards their own health and well being. Self care includes the actions individuals take in their role as care givers for their children, their families, and others to stay fit and to maintain good physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Extreme self care means making choices and decisions that honor our soul in everyday living. It means feeding ourselves whole foods, moving our bodies every day, balancing silence with activity, and surrounding ourselves with supportive, like-minded people who are committed to improving or restoring health and uplifting the quality of their lives as well.

More than 75% of people surveyed in the United Kingdom said if they had guidance or support from a professional or peer they would feel far more confident about taking care of their own health. Research shows that supporting self care can improve health outcomes and increase patient satisfaction. Our intention is to support individuals, families, institutions, and communities in their efforts to practice extreme self care. During 2009, the North Lawndale Community News focuses on cost-effective ways you can improve your health by practicing self care.

The Economy has made itself the number one issue with gas prices reaching almost \$5.00 per gallon and having a domino effect on everything else sold, except housing stock which experienced a terrible decline with the high rate of foreclosures. The Chicago metropolitan area reported 5,821 new foreclosure filings in December, a foreclosure rate of one new foreclosure filing for every 499 households — more than twice the national average. That brought the area's fourth quarter foreclosure total to 16,949 and its 2006 foreclosure total to 57,706, according to Realty Trac.

Even transportation on the CTA went on the rise with one day passes increasing by seventy-five cents and monthly passes increased by \$10.00 from \$75.00 to \$85.00. Those are just a few of the increases.

The North Lawndale Community News this year is expanding on last years financial focus to give attention to its broader parent the economy. Saving and making smarter shopping decisions will help stop us losing through wasteful choices. Finding new ways to increase our income is a necessity for many in an area where gentrification is not going to stop.

One of the hardest things to change is behavior. Modifying behavior seems to be easy when it comes to pain. Social pain lack of money has to be extreme for many to change. 2009 should be different for many and of course many will continue toward economic mistakes and financial ruin.

But in today's information society there is no excuse for not making smart choices. Financial literacy alone is not enough. Look what happened to Lehman Brothers and what's happening to many other financial institutions let alone individuals, families, and small businesses.

Solutions come to the internet, books, economic experts, financial counselors and experts, the media and your economical neighbors.

The North Lawndale Community News will tap into resources and share them with you, our reader. So to help you improve your health and your economy keep reading The North Lawndale News. We say yours because some may not modify their behavior, except when the pain comes and still some won't change. Your input is also welcome. If you have some information that is beneficial please submit it. Let's make smarter health and economic moves for life in 2009.

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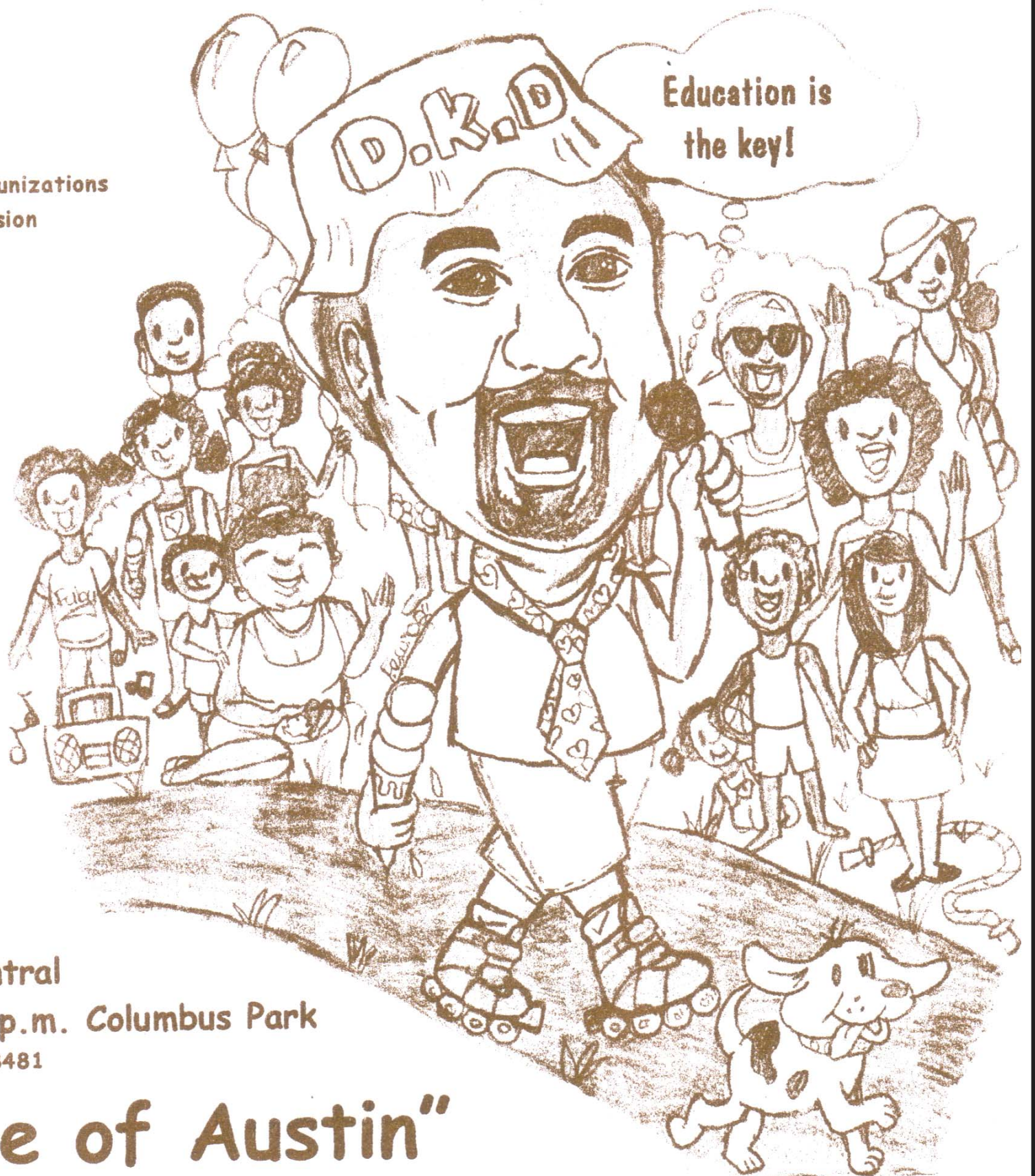
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Westside Service Organization Planning Parade to Rival Bud Biliken Parade

A back to school parade and picnic that honors the memory of Diane Spence, community activist and legislative aide to Assistant Majority Leader, State Senator Rickey R. Hendon has been given the most intensive planning it has seen since its inception over twenty years ago. The unique addition to this event, of which during the summer, there are many across the city, is that a parade to be eventually equivalent to the Bud Biliken parade has been given special attention by the Westside Service Organization (WSO). It is receiving extraordinary local grassroots and corporate support.

The parade will begin Saturday, August 22, at 9 a.m. and originate at 4949 West Madison just west of Cicero Avenue, across from Moo & Oink. Over 300 organizations plan to participate. Harry Lennix, star of Fox-TV's *DOLLHOUSE*, and currently starring in "STATE OF PLAY" with Russell Crowe and Helen Mirren will serve as the Grand Marshal for the parade.

The parade will travel the following route: East on Madison Avenue to California Avenue, then South to Jackson, then West to Central Park Avenue ending on the inner drive of Garfield Park. The parade will end at 11 a.m. and then the picnic will start along with a softball game featuring The Fighting 5th, whose captain is the 5th District's Senator Rickey R.

Hendon.

The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) in partnership with the Westside Service Organization (W.S.O) will distribute free school supplies along with over 100 non-profit organizations that will set up tables on the picnic grounds for the purpose of distributing literature about their services.

All food at the picnic is free, and will be provided by various sponsors including: the W.S.O., CPS, Marketfresh, Leamington Foods, Jewel Food Stores and Moo & Oink. Other contributors include: Walgreens, North Lawndale Community News, PanAmerica Performance Works and St. Anthony Hospital.

Entertainment will be provided by Earl Powell and Eptone Productions will start at 3 p.m. on the main stage at Garfield Park, featuring a variety of musical styles and performers including but not limited to: Khari Lemuel, Public Announcement, Kayla, Russoul, Liz Toussaint, Ben One, Mr. Red, Slique, Melinda Bussie and three gospel choirs. Additional entertainment provided by CPS includes: Lee England Jr., Day26 (P. Diddy's Making the Band) and MC Lyte. All festivities will conclude by 11 p.m., the official closing time of Garfield Park. Men, women and children of all ages on Chicago's West Side are invited to enjoy the fun and festivity.

Dignitaries scheduled to participate in the parade include: Governor Pat Quinn, Attorney General Lisa Madigan,

Secretary of State Jesse White, State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis, Senior Adviser to the Governor Billy Ocasio, State Senators John J. Cullerton, Mattie Hunter, Kimberly Lightford, James Meeks, and Donnie Trotter; State Representative Annazette Collins; and Aldermen Walter Burnett Jr., Ed H. Smith, Bob Fioretti and Sharon Dixon.

WSO is a not-for-profit agency that serves and assists the community in matters of housing, health, education including the welfare of children, the elderly and the disadvantaged.

In addition to her political work, Ms. Spence also served on the local school council at Crane High School and was a volunteer board member for Better Life for Youth and the homeless shelter House of David. She also created the non-profit referral center for women Sister-to-Sister, organized and managed a young people's dance group known as the Ultimate Posse, and was instrumental in the coordination of countless food and clothing drives.

All persons or organizations that wish to contribute to the parade/picnic should contact the Director, Dr. Earnest L Thomas or Chairman of the parade/picnic, Mr. Roger Chandler via email rogerchbigdaddy@aol.com or call him directly at (312) 296-2899 or (773) 722-2007. Donations may be made at www.westsidepicnic.com.



West Garfield Park Community has a day of fun underneath the sun with 6th Annual Community Talent Show

Ms. Priscy, CEO/Director of Priscy's Production Outreach Program set out to give the West Garfield Park Community a day of fun underneath the sun.

On July 25, 2009 Priscy's Production Outreach Program gave their 6 Annual Community Talent Expo on the corner of Madison St. and St-Louis. There was plenty of entertainment going on that day underneath the sky. Vendors provided food, there was games, prizes, and a 14K Bracelet, a microwave oven, a coffeemaker, and a waffle iron was raffled off. There was live entertainment throughout the entire event. Major headliners for this event was 3 Piece, Crucial Conflict, Shorty K., Leilana (who featured with Snoop Dogg. She will perform her new release for the first time at the Expo), R.P.M., PRINCE NEPHEW, Kenya. from B.E.T.'S. Sunday Best, Dance Group-Destiny, Max-A-Million Hip Hop Fashion's World Where, and our very own Young Truth, Dwaine, La La, Untouchables, D.B.O.I, and Bull-Da-Boi from IRAQ!! and many, many more. The Expo was supported by our Political Leaders in the community; such as our very own Alderman Ed Smith, Senator Ricky R. Hendon, Congressman Danny K. Davis, State Rep. Annazette Collins 10th District. This was an exciting event and one to remember until next year.

These are some of the artist that preformed at Priscy's Production Outreach Program 6th Annual Community Expo

Crucial Conflict, 3 Piece, Prince Nephew, Gospel singer Mary Drape, We had Face painting, Game for the Children, and games for the adults. Booths and lots of fun. We had a free Raffle. We Raffle off a 14K gold bracelet, Microwave, Coffee maker, and Waffle Maker.



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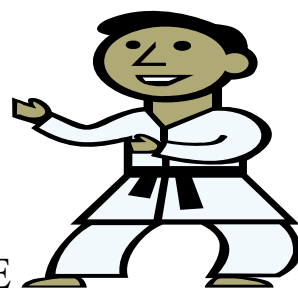
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Foreclosure Outreach Initiatives Meeting Sponsored by LCDC & Ald. Sharon Dixon provides Assistance for Renters - Part 2

Paul Stewart

If any of you believe this crisis is not real or is abating, the recent four day symposium July 24-27th at McCormick Place should open everyone's eyes that we still have a long way to go.

Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) coordinated the "on-the-spot" Loan Modification Symposium, with NACA Modifications as low as 2.875%, along with participation by the 350 plus banks who received TARP money to offer the Obama Administrations' "Making Home Affordable" Loan Modification with as low as a 2% interest rate the first year with only 1% maximum increases per year thorough the 5 year Modification Period, and the agencies' Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

NACA representatives said they anticipated 26,000 attendees and at the end of the session Monday approximately 86,000 people attended.

While many homeowners were able to get expedited Loan Modifications, many did not qualify due to the fact one of the exclusions is you can not own more than one property. "5000 people showed today" stated Hilary Lee, one of the attendees affected by the multiple property ownership exclusion.

However, when this writer contacted all of his clients who had been unable to refinance primarily due to falling market values or from salary cuts of up to 10 percent in some case, success was found. Carolyn Brown, Deborah Litzsey, Fred Haley, and Henrietta Battle all received Freddie Mac "Home Possible" Mortgages in 2006 and 2007 at a fixed interest rate of 6.75% for 30 years.

Ms. Brown, Ms. Litzsey, and Ms. Battle were first-time homebuyers who utilized the 100% Loan-to-Value (LTV) feature. Mr. Haley used the loan product to refinance. When I reached Ms. Brown, she reported attending the symposium Saturday and Sunday and Freddie Mac was lowering her interest rate by 2% to 4.75%. Ms. Brown had spoken to Mr. Haley's wife, Dawn who is the Broker for ASAGA Realty in Calumet City, IL who did not believe they were eligible

according to NACA guidelines.

We agreed they were eligible under Freddie Mac guidelines and Ms. Brown agreed to call Mrs. Haley for me so I could keep calling other clients. I contacted Ms. Litzsey, who called back with a degree of disbelief, but grateful for the opportunity to receive much needed relief as one of the City of Chicago Department of Human Services employees who experienced a 10% contract salary cut. Ms. Battle, who was in West Lafayette, IN enrolling her son at Purdue University, returned my call, to state "I am going chase down this boy who disappeared after registration, and is probably acquainting himself with fellow female members of the freshman class and make 2.5-3 hour drive back to Chicago for the Symposium."

I informed Ms. Battle she did not have to rush back, she could still apply to Freddie Mac on line, however she would just have to get in the cue on a first-come-first served basis. Ms. Battle responded "I am driving back to take care of this today!" Katina Parker, referred to me by her sister, Carolyn Green who attended Alderman Sharon Dixon's NSP Phase 1 Lawndale Reinvestment Initiative meeting on June 20, 2009, said she went down to the meeting even though the NHS Housing Counselor told her the paperwork was approved and her file had been submitted. Ms. Parker arrived to find a waiting line of 3000, and decided to take the NACA representatives suggestion and apply on line. Ms. Parker followed through and is anticipating a 30 day response from NACA.

Ms. Parker found herself in this circumstance due her work hours being cut from 40 hours to 20 and the fact her bank, MB Financial turned down her Loan Modification Application. Ms. Parker, who has been using me as a resource due to my participation in Congressman Danny Davis's Foreclosure Prevention Advisory Committee, has followed every resource referral provided immediately. Ms. Parker would like everyone to know while this is a difficult circumstance she finds herself in "no one should ever give up in the fight to save their home."

I beg your indulgence for having this rather lengthy article, however this issue affects everyone and I took the liberty of sharing, with their permission, personal stories so we see how the Foreclosure Crisis touches everyone from every walk of life, regardless of whether you are a renter or homeowner. At the May 17, 2007 meeting on the Foreclosure Crisis sponsored by NHS and NeighborWorks America, and attended by the largest Mortgage Servicer's in America, and members of the American Securities Forum, one startling statistic was reported. Fifty-one percent of homeowners go through the foreclosure process, which in Illinois could take up to 15 months, and never talk to their Lender, never mind not telling family, friends or work colleagues. This has to stop! The Foreclosure Crisis cannot be halted without everyone taking responsibility for how it affects us as individuals, families, neighborhoods, communities, city, county, state and nation. When speaking to the individuals mentioned in this article about the NACA meeting ending on Monday, July 27th, I ended the conversation with the following statement:

"You (each) know two or three people who are in a similar circumstance to yours. Please call them and tell them about the NACA Symposium and ask they call two-to-three people they know also, and so on and so on". Resources are available, and while we can not help 100% of those facing the effects of the Foreclosure Crisis, not

everyone will qualify for every program, there are tens of thousand who can be helped if we all take the initiative to reach out and talk to each other without embarrassment, rancor, or unfounded fear of reprisal.

Paul Stewart has twenty-two years experience in the mortgage industry. Mr. Stewart is a member of the 7th Congressional District's Foreclosure Prevention and Housing Advisory Committees, and participated as a Corporate Sponsor of the NAACP/CBC With Ownership p Wealth (WOW) initiative. Mr. Stewart's column "Mortgage Talk" appears as a regular feature of the North Lawndale Community News Economic Development Page. Mr. Stewart can be reached directly at 773.290.9419 or via email: venturefinancial@yahoo.com

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AT THE FLICKS

David H. Schultz, film critic

JULIE & JULIA (***) "Julie and Julia" is a film based on two true stories about two women who never met from different generations and life experiences who discovers a common passion for French cooking that ultimately helps each find their place and obtain their personal goals in life.

Sort of like "Soul Food" minus the Sunday meal gatherings and family turmoil. Instead, the creation of fine French cuisine meals offers a symbolic challenge for living that helps liberates each lady's self esteem in their unfulfilled lives.

Writer-director Nora Ephron concocts the right ingredients that simmers along the same flavor for living life by setting a personal goal through these paralleling stories from two women drawn from the beloved cookbook author and PBS TV chef Julia Child's recipes and memoirs while living in Paris circa 1949 with her U.S. government employed husband, Paul (Stanley Tucci) who was an unsung hero against McCarthyism

And there's Julie Powell (Amy Adams, reuniting with her "Doubt co-star), the modern day part of the unfulfilled wife married to her husband editor, Eric (Chris Messina) who move to Queens N.Y, 2002 to begin their lives together in a noisy neighborhood underneath a pizzeria.

Julie works in a cubicle for a development firm trying to handle post 9/11 phone calls. But she like Julia is in search of something else that she needs to complete herself.

Considered a writer, but a person who's never finished anything she started. Eric hears Julie's frustration that leads to his encouragement in her to begin writing a daily blog on the internet.

Julie decides to design the blog as a diary about her life and cooking through Julia Child's French cooking books. Where Julie begins a quest to prepare and complete her idol's 524 recipes in 365 days.

But the most interesting elements of the film seem to come from Julia's early years before the TV fame with her relationship with her husband and her quest to learn French cooking.

With her husband's soft spoken support; First the exuberant and undaunted woman is unsuccessful in finding any such cookbooks in English. So Julia enrolls herself in a cooking school with an all-male class and naturally she excels. Even though she encounters one indignant instructor who clearly dislikes Americans.

The woman gives Julia hard time for passing an important test. After Julia meets Simone Beck (Linda Emond), a writer of a French cookbook for Americans that is offered to Julia to translate. While the film shifts back and forth to Julie in her daily regime between her life at work and preparing recipes in her cramped kitchen.

While Julie's blog page becomes the third most popular on the internet that ultimately leads to a book deal and the struggle to prepare major meal to entertain the woman who was the publisher that arranged Julia Child's book.

Although entertaining, "Julie and Julia" seem to leave me only half full with an appetite for more about Julia Child who only mentions meeting her husband Paul who works for the US embassy; as a file clerk for the OSS.

Director Nora Ephron seems to keep the drama at a distance to where the film never gets too heavy on Julia Child. Even when faced with uncertainty when her husband is re-assigned from Paris and later questioned on his beliefs that authorities are considered blacklisting and firing over the couple's China trip.

With the most dramatic scene is Paul (Stanley Tucci) is questioned in a small spotlighted room from McCarthy aides being underplayed. Because the intensity expected doesn't emerge enough. Because this is not

the film's main focus. Even though it represents the struggles encountered for that era in Julia Child's life as a survivalist. Probably why this film will please more women than men viewers.

What clearly stands out is another impressionable strong performance from Meryl Streep who captures the nuances and high pitch voice of this well known figure who only died five years ago at the age of 92.

It would have been easy to make a caricature out of Child's image as shown in a famous "Saturday Night Live" skit with Dan Aykroyd viewed by Julie and her husband Eric in bed laughing.

But like most roles Ms. Streep undertakes, she finds the ways beyond the distinctive voice to make her rich, real and human that could continue her Oscar nomination streak. PG-13; 110min. A Columbia Pictures Release - presented at selected theaters

FUNNY PEOPLE (***/2) "Funny People" is about life in show business through the world of stand-up comedy. This is about individuals at living and being funny with serious life undertones.

But writer-director Judd Apatow, the current "king of comedy" in movies takes an ambitious approach of going away from the usual Hollywood story, by explaining life behind the laughter while keeping it funny and behavioral driven.

Adam Sandler plays George Simmons, a character equivalent to his real-life career resume, a comedy superstar of juvenile comedy movies who decides to return to his stand-up roots. When he receives the test



Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen in Funny People

results from his doctor that reveals he has a possible fatal blood disease that he keeps secret.

Along with other aspects from his personal past. Simmons is clearly an arrogant jerk that questions us to watch whether or not his disease will change his attitude. Apparently not, in Apatow's unsentimental approach.

At a glance, Sandler's character persona seems like an updated variation to the obnoxious role Tom Hanks played as the brash talent who had a knack of pushing people away in 1988's "Punchline".

Now in this film; George Simmons is the brash "veteran" talent with the successful movie career and lavish mansion. He lives amidst countless unread script offers and suggests many "hang-out" people but left without any real friends.

George Simmons is adored and accessible to his autograph seeking fans. A beloved comic who's also without love in his life. With a life long regard for cheating on the first woman to see him be funny, Laura (Leslie Mann) who since is married to a globe-

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And many of us are stuck in the bonds of poverty, disease, and unhappiness, because these are the lifestyles that we have chosen for ourselves. Yes you want that nice home, but do you believe that you can have that nice home? Yes, I want to be happy, but have you let go of those negative thoughts that are taking away your happiness?

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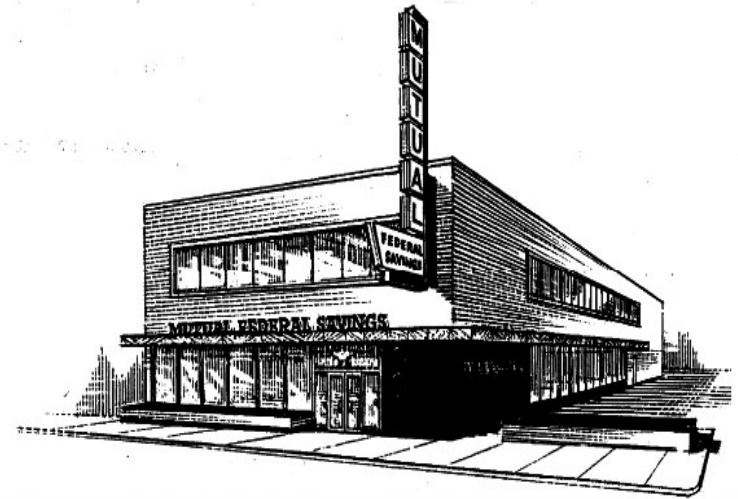
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When his commander phones him to check out a domestic call that leads to a suicide murder of a research professor involved in a classified project involving some kind of "breaks in time" that ultimately the cop uses to help alter both men's lives.

PG-13; 90min. Indigenous Film Works; Available: Aug. 11

I LOVE YOU, MAN (*)**

A funny, "bro"-mance comedy about Californian realtor, Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd) who just proposed marriage to his girl, Zooney (Rashida Jones) whose overheard with her friends talking about his lack of friends in his life.

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trotting Australian businessman, Clarke (Eric Bana); Whom Laura beliefs has cheated on her like George. While through the years, George and Laura have never stopped loving each other from afar.

Seth Rogen portrays the polar opposite of a struggling comedian, Ira Wright who isn't funny on stage by night and can barely write funny.

While by day, Ira works in the deli section of Otto's Fresh Market with black co-worker (and real life rapper, RZA) who in the film's opening sequence, criticizes Ira who invites him to his next gig, when he wasn't funny on stage the last time.

Ira shares an apartment with a tubby comedy writer, Leo Koenig (Jonah Hill) who is , and knows funny compared to Ira.

And there's the mid-successful, self absorbed TV actor, Mark Taylor Johnson (Jason Schwartzman) who stars on a lame "Welcome Back Kotter"-type sitcom, "Yo. Teach" (Look for Ernest Thomas, Roger from TV's What's Happening!) playing the sitcom's principal in one taping scene for the show), who challenges the sexually inactive Ira (because of his Jewish complex over his real last name, Weiner)to beat him within ten days in having sex with any new girl. brought to the apartment.

Simmons happens to make a stand up appearance at a local comedy club where George has just performed his new material. Yet, he receives a call from the famed comedian who invites him and Leo to write material for him. But trying to have a competitive streak, Ira doesn't tell Leo, so he can solely hang with the superstar.

It's through their unlikely relationship and creative process that Simmons tells only Ira of his illness that becomes a burden on Ira to keep a secret as requested.. in order to keep his job. After Ira makes a bumbling mistake of using the same jokes written for Simmons that nervously Ira uses when George makes Ira open on stage for him at a corporate function.

George still hires Ira who becomes his aide and confidant, while improving his comedic skills on stage. But still being an uptight, too moral person off stage that gives Rogen his most complex and insecure character to grow as a person in a comedic role to date.

But the trouble begins when George allows Ira to become too close in his personal life and Ira won't always yield to the discretion over his conscious. When George invites Laura to check out his comedy concert, while Clarke is away on business in China. George advises Ira to tell her the recent news that his illness is in remission.

After making sure Laura doesn't pity or love him for his fame than himself. And Laura needing an emotional outlet to use against her husband infidelity. Complications arise when George crosses the line. When George goes to the airport where Laura is going to confront Clarke to proclaim her love to George.

Needlessly to say, things turns ugly because of Ira, that leads to an altercation when Clarke learns the truth about his illness and the romantic flair that George is led to believe will lead to Laura leaving her husband for him but decides against.

A bit overwrought for its two hour plus length, but full of interesting and funny moments and show biz cameos from George Wallace to Sarah Silverman; Writer-director Apatow avoids the route of Woody Allen that he could have emulated in his script.

Instead, Apatow makes us understand and have some apathy for these characters while avoid most theatric trappings and cliché situations. "Funny People" is Apatow's valedictorian speech for his graduation day to move on and be a little more sophisticated than his two previous films, "The 40 yr. old Virgin" and "Knocked Up" that shows us that being funny is hard, but relationships are harder in this environment. R' 146min. A Universal Pictures Release - Presented at selected theaters

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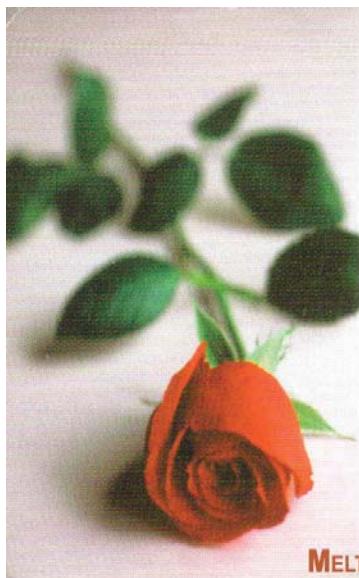
it is sacred, and this is a most wonderful description of what has been written in holy scriptures and many other references to faith based living which connects with the core of divine love. Love for self, nature, community, and

world. We must think positive and do positive in order to make change, positive change.

Just a word of encouragement to my Sisters. Walk in the Light and let the Light lead you, Peace.

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everyday basis. As a writer for the the North Lawndale Community Newspaper, Tali has made a loyal commitment to give back to the Sisters and prove yes we can all get along and create a since of loyalty. Peace & Light My sisters.



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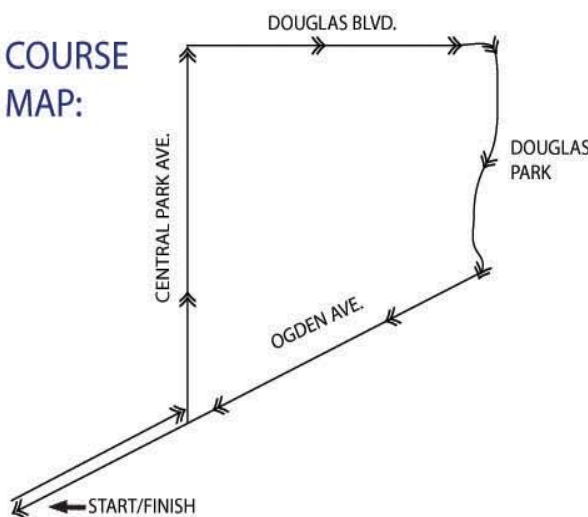
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works for the uptight Peter, until he meets Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), an opinionate investment specialist living the carefree bachelor life in a personalized "man-cave" garage that makes Peter envious for the single life he didn't have already. While Sydney has his own issues that has kept women away from him and falling in love, compared to the friendless Peter who wants to marry his soul-mate, but has to make a choice between his fiancé and his newfound friend.

R; 104min. Paramount Home Video; Available Aug. 11

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE ()** In a familiar city-to-country cultural shock hokum, Miley Cyrus high school character Miley Stewart's country roots becomes threatened under his father Robby Ray (real-life dad and country singer, Billy Ray Cyrus)'s observation of his daughter's hyper active show biz alter ego who seems too preoccupied with the "glamorous life" over his childhood roots.

The father tricks her to return back to the country to help celebrate her grandmother's birthday bash that becomes overshadowed by a land developer (Barry Bostwick) aiming to turn a sacred land into a shopping mall that can only be saved

for Hannah Montana does a rock concert. While her alter ego falls in love with a country farm hand and dodges a tabloid photographer. G; 98min. Walt Disney Home Video; Available: Aug. 14

THE CLASS (**)** This provocative and uncompromising look at life inside a multicultural high school in Paris between teachers and students won the well deserved top prize at Cannes last year and was an Oscar nominee for best foreign language film. Done in a semi-documentary style; Based loosely on the real life experiences of Francois Begaudeau, a new yet seasoned teacher who rather interface than lecture his students through his unorthodox methods that become too confrontational; that leads to the misuse of a word that the students take offense. And the unruly yet articulate student from Mali, who verbally challenges the student that leads to a review board meeting that the teacher too late that if expelled, could get the student deported back to the violent and hopeless existence of his country by his father. A powerful and important film that shows how students and teachers have much to learn from each other.

PG-13; 128min. Sony Pictures Home Video (English sub-titles)

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